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Submitted herewith is a copy of the partial European Search Report (dated November 7, 2002), for related European Patent Application No. EP 01 1148 41. The European Search Report cites the following:

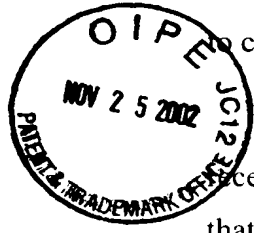
- (1) West et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,453,863, issued September 26, 1995, citing column 6, line 35 - column 12, line 54; figures 1-5;
- (2) Z.-J. Lu et al, "Surface Modified Reflective Cholesteric Displays", 1995 SID International Symposium Digest of Technical Papers. Orlando, May 23-25, 1995, SID International Symposium Digest of Technical Papers, Santa Ana, SID, U.S., Vol. 26, 23 May, 1995 (1995-05-23), pages 172-175, citing the whole document;
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-090728 (MINOLTA CO LTD), published April 10, 1998, Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1998, No. 09, 31, July (1998-07-31), citing the abstract and figure 4 and;
- (4) M. Schadt et al., "Surface-Induced Parallel Alignment of Liquid Crystals By Linearly Polymerized Photopolymers", Japanese Journal of Applied Physics, Publication Office Japanese Journal of Applied Physics, Tokyo, JP, Vol. 31, No. 7, Part 1, 1 July 1992 (1992-07-01), pages 2155-2164, citing sections 6.2 and 6.3 and figures 10 and 11.

The European Search Report places Document (1) in Category "A" with regard to claims 1-13.

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